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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GERMAN NATIONAL ELISABETH KASEMANN

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FGR EMBOFF HAS CONFIRMED THAT ELISABETH KASEMANN IS A GERMAN CITIZEN AND WAS ABDUCTED IN BUENOS AIRES MARCH 8. SOURCE SAID THAT IN ANSWER TO FGR EMBASSY INQUIRIES, THE FONMINISTRY HAS REPLIED THAT THERE IS NO RECORD OF MS. KASEMANN'S ARREST OR DETENTION BY GOA AUTHORITIES. APPARENTLY MS. KASEMANN DID HAVE SOME CONNECTION TO ARGENTINE TERRORIST GROUPS AND FGR EMBOFF BELIEVES SHE MAY BE DEAD. SOURCE ALSO SAID THAT MS. KASEMANN'S FRIEND AND ROOMMATE, MISS PATRICIA AUSTIN (PHONETIC)
WAS PICKED UP ON MARCH 11 AND INTERROGATED ABOUT KASEMANN'S ACTIVITIES AND FINALLY RELEASED THREE OR FOUR DAYS LATER. AUSTIN HAS APPARENTLY RETURNED TO U.S. AND ALERTED US PROTESTANT GROUPS THERE. MS. AUSTIN HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH EMBASSY NOR DID SHE REPORT HER EXPERIENCE TO EMBASSY. EMBASSY FILES HAVE NO INFORMATION AUSTIN BUT KASEMANN IS LISTED AS ALLEGEDLY HAVING CONNECTIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST GROUPS.
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